

**Remarks/Arguments**

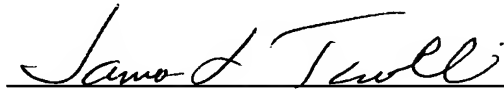
Examination of the above-identified application in view of the present preliminary amendment is respectfully requested.

The present preliminary amendment before action corrects informalities and removes the multiple dependency appearing in the claims.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees for this matter to our Deposit Account No. 20-0090.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James L. Tarolli". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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